

HOUSE RESOLUTION 138

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Sharon A. Webb on the occasion of her twentieth anniversary as the pastor of Life Changing Word Ministry World Center, Non-denominational Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sharon A. Webb is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who will celebrate her twentieth anniversary as pastor and founder of Life Changing Word Ministry World Center, Non-denominational Church on February 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Webb grew up in public housing; at fourteen years of age, she moved with her parents to Memphis, where she graduated from Carver High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb holds an Associate of Science degree, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Management, a Master of Arts degree in Christian Psychology, and a Doctorate in Christian Education and Theology; and

WHEREAS, she served in various capacities as an employee of the United States Postal Service (USPS) from 1979 to 1994, including supervisor of mails, adopt-a-school coordinator, quality of work life coordinator, president of the National Association of Postal Supervisors branch 555, and acting tour superintendent; she began her career with the USPS working as a clerk for three years before rising in the ranks to management; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb joined Christ the Rock Christian Academy as a teacher in 1996, and, from 1997 to 2003, she served as principal; prior to her leadership, the school was a low performing church school, but with perseverance and communication of her vision to the board

of directors, staff, students, and parents, she helped change the school's status, earning the respect of the board, staff, parents, and students alike; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Dr. Sharon Webb has served on many boards, commissions, and community organizations and received many accolades and honors; she faithfully served as a member of the Memphis City School Board for four years, during which time she was honored as Tennessee State School Board Member of the Year, and she also served as a three-year member of the Memphis City Charter Commission, learning the intricate details of how city government runs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb is deeply passionate about the betterment of the City of Memphis and desires to return the love to the city that she received when her family relocated from Chicago; and

WHEREAS, from her desire to bring hope to hopeless people and restore value to life was birthed the Life Changing Word Ministry World Center; and

WHEREAS, "Heaven's Headquarters on Earth" and "A House of Prayer for All People," Life Changing Word Ministry World Center Non-denominational Church was founded on February 14, 2002; the first prayer mission of the congregation was a citywide prayer meeting for the children of Memphis, which led to the citywide prayer for leaders and elected officials and, subsequently, a daily prayer session from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb and the members of Life Changing Word Ministry World Center have fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited the imprisoned, and helped the poor and less fortunate, ministering to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Dr. Webb is buoyed by the love and support of her husband of more than forty years, their four children, and their eighteen grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb has continued to demonstrate excellence in her calling as a woman of God; the members of her congregation are proud to call her their pastor, leader, and

friend and look forward to her continued spiritual guidance for many years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Dr. Sharon A. Webb on the occasion of her twentieth anniversary as pastor of Life Changing Word Ministry World Center, Non-denominational Church, extending our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.